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OPERATIONS OF BOX CAR BANDITS GO INTO MEXICO

CONFESSIONS MADE BY LEADERS OF GANG OF BOX CAR THIEVES ARRESTED HERE THURSDAY TO OFFICERS TODAY, INDICATE THAT LOOT STOLEN FROM THROUGH FREIGHT FINALLY FINDS WAY TO MEXICO; MORE ARRESTS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS IMPLICATED.

That the organized gang of box car thieves, which has been operating in Cochise county for over a year, extends down across the Mexican line was contained in confessions gained today by Sheriff J. E. Hood and J. J. Kelly, special agent of the S. P. from members of the gang arrested here two days ago. And the officers have unquestionably captured the leader of the ring, is proven beyond doubt by their state, in the confessions of two of the Mexicans, Jose Martinez and Pablo Perez, in which they not only laid their operations concerning the wholesale thefts, and disposition of wares, but implicated many more from which arrests will follow.

Perez, the officers believe, is the ring leader of the gang, and is classed as a "bad hombre." Both Perez and Martinez, in their statements implicated all but three of the 12 arrested here Thursday, besides others not yet arrested, giving dates and goods stolen from through merchandise trains between Benson and Cochise. The three men released, whom the officers believe had not been here long enough to join in the operations were mere boys. They were Arnulfo Armenta, Francisco Armenta and P. Galvez. Ten of the prisoners still being held will be given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner W. A. Fowler either late this afternoon or Monday morning, charged with the federal offense of robbing interstate freight.

That members of the gang worked together and separately in effecting entrances to the box cars and making away with the loot, mostly shoes and clothing, was the gist of the confessions. Once removed from the cars the loot would be cached for several days in the brush, both Martinez and Perez stated, and would then be transported to Tombstone by wagon, some of it disposed of here and the rest of it taken across the Mexican line, where the Mexicans said they had plenty of buyers waiting to take the goods off their hands. Each time a raid on the box cars was made Martinez told the officers, his share would be at least from \$70 to \$100 in money, besides liquor, which would be taken in exchange.

Further arrests and recovery of stolen goods are expected to be made in different parts of the county as a result of the confessions of the two made today, and the entire ring broken up, the sheriff and special agent said this afternoon.

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL

GOES EAST TO HELP

IRRIGATION MEASURE

PHOENIX, May 6.—With \$1,500,000 worth of Arizona tax anticipatory bonds stowed away in his grip, Gov. Thomas E. Campbell left Phoenix last night enroute to Washington, D. C., where he will appear with several other governors before the house committee on May 11 in the interest of the Smith-McNary irrigation bill, now before the house for consideration.

School Children In Delightful Entertainment

Under the direction of their teachers, Miss McClelland and Miss Young, the pupils of the Eckerman school yesterday gave a program which everyone enjoyed immensely and which proves great credit to both the teachers and pupils.

Following is the program:

The Star Spangled Banner—School

The Cat and the Mouse

by Arsenio Alvarez

Her Father's Will—Japanese Play

6th Grade

William Tell

5th Grade

The White Carnation—Recitation

Mary Josephine Woolery

Easy Come, Easy Go

Written by Arthur Eckerman

Sweet and Low—Song

Girls

A Secret Society

Written by Roland Henshaw

The Story of Ali Cogia—Turkish

Play

4th Grade

Did You Pass?—Recitation

Odell Elliott

Sir Percival, The Boy Knight

6th Grade

Vacation Days—Song

Boys

The Quest—Recitation

Bernice Chadwick

The Children's Hour—Recitation

Ola Florence Welch

The plays written by Arsenio Alvarez, Arthur Eckerman, and Roland Henshaw were acted out by the pupils of the various grades and deserve particular mention.

Struck Over Heart By Baseball, Boy Dies From the Blow

PHOENIX, May 6.—Harry Smith, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, of 817 North Eleventh ave was killed almost instantly when a baseball struck him directly over the heart while he was watching a baseball game on a vacant lot at the corner of Thirteenth avenue and Roosevelt street late yesterday afternoon.

The fatal blow came from a foul ball which had been missed by the catcher. The boy was placed in an auto and rushed to the Physicians' building, but he died before reaching there.

The father of the boy arrived in the city from Los Angeles unexpectedly last night shortly after the fatality.

ESTAVIER IDENTIFIED AS OKLAHOMA LIFE TERMER; GOES TO PEN

TUCSON, Ariz., May 5.—William S. Estaver, claiming Detroit as his home and now is charged with the murder of Mrs. Anna C. Johnson, wife of a Denver contractor, and whom police authorities declare is Paul V. Hadley, escaped life term from the Oklahoma penitentiary, today was removed to the state penitentiary at Florence for safe keeping. His removal from the county jail here, where he has been held since his arrest, shortly after the murder of Mrs. Johnson, was ordered by Judge S. L. Pattee, of the superior court.

Estaver, who has been identified as an escaped life term prisoner from the Oklahoma state prison, is charged here with having slain the Denver woman near Yuma, Ariz., last Novem-

WEEKLY REVIEW OF MINING ACTIVITIES

Copper Situation—A gradual improvement has been noted during the past month with an increasing firmness in the price of copper. While orders for May deliveries have been large it is felt that no more will be sold at the low April prices. There seems to be an increase in confidence as well as an increased demand and particularly on the part of foreign buyers.

Phoenix—Plans are being made for the construction of a power dam on the Salt River near Mormon Flats. The dam will cost about \$5,000,000 and will furnish 47,000 horsepower which will be used at the mines around Globe and Miami. Transmission lines from the Roosevelt dam now connect with 50 per cent of the power requirements of the state but are only furnishing 15 per cent.

Globe—An important discovery has been made by the Iron Cap Copper company of a previously unknown vein which has now been opened up for 150 feet and which, for a two-foot width, runs 11 per cent copper and 29 ounces in silver. This vein was opened on the 900 level and attempt is now being made to locate it on the upper levels. The vein runs north and south instead of the usual east and west.

Oatman—Since the success of the Oatman Union in developing with diamond drilling in the Oatman District, many other companies have taken up that form of development. Eleven companies are now using diamond drills for exploration purposes. But four companies are producing in that district, the United Eastern, the Tom Reed, United American and the Telluride.

Miami—Preparations are now being made to blow in the fourth reverberatory furnace at the International Smelter which will bring that smelt-

er beyond its rated capacity for production, as it has been producing 18,000,000 pounds monthly from three furnaces. The second furnace has been blown in on the Old Dominion property which will bring production close to 3,000,000.

Dos Cabezas—There is considerable excitement in the Dos Cabezas district over a reported gold strike near the property of the Central Copper Company. As a result several other mines in that vicinity are about to resume operations and to start gold mills. The find was made on the Shimax Extension property which is under bond and lease at the present time.

Phoenix—Renewed activity is noted in the Mazatzal quicksilver field north of Phoenix where the Arizona Quicksilver corporation is installing machinery and placing a crew of men at work developing. The company is contemplating the installation of a small retort for the extraction of the quicksilver on the ground, the distance from the railroad being great.

Morenci—The breaking of ground for the new mill of the Stargo Mines Company, Inc., will start during the next week. The plans have been completed and the construction will be under the direction of the General Engineering Company, of Salt Lake City. Many hundreds of carloads have been shipped from this property to the smelters and the mill will make this unnecessary.

Jerome—The steam shovel operations of the United Verde Copper Co. have reached the burning ore which they were uncovering and considerable difficulty is being encountered due to the heat of the churn drill holes put in for blasting and which will make some special explosive necessary. The ore being taken out now is being sent to the crushing plant at Clarkdale.

Increased Noted In Issuance Of Marriage Licenses

This week's showing in the issuance of marriage licenses to Cochise couples shows a considerable improvement over past weeks. A total of eight bliss tickets were issued out of the office of Clerk J. E. James, of the Superior Court, as follows:

Enrique E. Orellana, of Los Angeles, to wed Maria Mora, of Naco.

Raymond E. Thompson, of Dos Cabezas, and Margaret Richards, of El Paso.

Robert Bech and Nina Domico, both of Bisbee.

James Dinmore, of Lowell, and Milly Rowe, of Bisbee.

Jas. O. Banks and Margaret Smith, both of Fort Huachuca.

Gus Frank and Anita Kynast, both of Douglas.

Frank Perez, Jr., and Ruth Rhodes both of Bisbee.

Carlos H. Farmer and Coral Baker, both of Douglas.

ber, as he, the woman, and her husband, Peter Johnson, were enroute from Tucson to California in an automobile. He was tried on this charge two weeks ago, but the jury was unable to agree on a verdict.

At the trial, Estaver claimed the woman was slain by a bandit who made an attack on the party for the purpose of robbery.

The husband of the dead woman testified Estaver had made the attack and fired the shot that killed Mrs. Johnson.

Tucson Cowmen Have Narrow Tilt When Car Overturns

When the Dodge automobile which they were driving ran off the grade this side of Schleffelin monument shortly after dark last night, Bud Parker and Bud White, cattlemen of Tucson, who are here as witnesses in the Benetti case, narrowly escaped serious injury. Parker, who was driving, was the more seriously injured of the two, the car pinning him underneath for 15 minutes until help arrived. White was thrown clear of the machine through the windshield. Both suffered contusions and scratches about the face and arms. The car was almost a wreck, breaking two wheels. A telephone pole at the side of the road broke the windshield as the car left the road, serving to swerve it further down the eight foot embankment.

BIG CATTLE DEAL

MADE AT NOGALES

NOGALES, Ariz., May 5.—One of the biggest sales recorded here in many months was consummated today when J. G. Hall, of El Paso, purchased 1,500 head from Harry Saxon and the Sorrells brothers, Santa Cruz county cattle raisers.

At present there are many cattle buyers in Nogales examining herds of cattle from Sonora and on the American side of the border with a view to buying for middle western and Texas markets.

Report Gold Strike Running \$700 Per Ton

PHOENIX, May 6.—C. R. Anguissola, mining engineer who has been developing the old workings of the Lost Frenchman mine, near Castle Hot Springs, announced yesterday that he had uncovered what apparently is one of the most important gold strikes made in this part of the state for years. His discovery consists of free milling gold running, according to assay reports, about \$172 a ton, while selected samples run between \$600 and \$700 a ton. The ore occurs in a four-foot ledge, and the assays are of samples taken from only 15 feet below the surface. Engineer Anguissola is developing his properties, consisting of five claims, with Kansas City capital.

WILCOX, Ariz., May 6.—Johnson & Cook recently shipped three car-

loads of beef cattle from Benson to California points. They also report the sale of a large lot of cattle in Nebraska to be delivered May 12. The prices were satisfactory. This lot was shipped out from here during the drought a year ago and has been on pasture in Nebraska. The lot was made up by a number of cattle owners here, who have been anxiously waiting for a sale and returns from the shipment. This will be good news to all parties interested.

Local Campaigns Planned During Trade Home Week

(Special to The Prospector)

PHOENIX, May 5.—A series of local campaigns, each conducted by a local organization, but with the Arizona Industrial Congress co-operating to make the movement statewide in scope—that is what the "Trade at Home—Buy Arizona Products" week, to be observed May 22-27, will be.

Plans for the week announced by the Congress emphasized that in every community the campaign will be a local movement by a local organization for local merchants. Success of the week, therefore will depend on the people of each locality itself.

In a number of the larger cities (Continued on Page Five)

MANY ILLITERATES IN ARIZONA NEED AMERICANIZATION

PHOENIX, May 5.—When the literacy conference meets with the United States commissioner of education in Phoenix May 9, Miss Elsie Toles, state superintendent of public instruction, will present some startling figures showing the need of Americanization work in this state.

These figures are based on U. S. census bureau reports, and show a total of 32,953 illiterates in this state during the year 1919, and a total of 39,131 for the year 1920, or a percentage of 15.3. The detailed figures for 1920 are as follows:

Illiteracy Statistics.
Total number of illiterates 19 years old and over 39,131
Native white illiterates 3,232
Foreign born white illiterates 19,291
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TWO BIG EVENTS IN HISTORY OF ARIZONA ROADS

DURING PAST TEN DAYS TWO BIG EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN STATE, SAYS ROADS WRITER: BANKHEAD CONVENTION AND MIAMI-SUPERIOR HIGHWAY; COCHISE ROADS ALSO RECEIVING FAVORABLE REPORTS, AND REPAIRS NOW GOING ON AND MORE PLANNED.

(By A. H. GARDNER)

During the last ten days two big events have taken place in highway history in Arizona, the first was the successful meeting of the Bankhead Highway Association at Phoenix which did more to advertise the highways of Arizona than the layman might imagine. The delegates, almost to a man, saw the best roads of Arizona for they travelled from Phoenix to Miami, thence to Nogales and back to Phoenix, and several of them rode over the Nogales to Tombstone highway and quite a number got to ride over the Tucson to Rodeo section, so that the roads of southern Arizona were seen by enough delegates to fill the papers of the north, east and south with "wonderment" for some time to come. And what they didn't see they were told about at the State Highway Department's booth at the exposition hall.

The second event of importance was the dedication of the Superior-Miami highway, the great "emancipator highway," which annihilates distance between the great Salt River valley and the Miami-Globe mining district and cuts freight and express rates in excess of all competitive costs on the investment. The saving and earning capacity of the people, on each side of the mountain tunnel in that part of the state is increased beyond measure.

Another event is the repairing of the Apache Trail, a general asset and the greatest, next to the Grand Canyon publicity asset we have in Arizona.

All these things add to the welfare of the entire road system of the state since they keep us continually in the public eye in the world of motordom as well as cutting individual expenses. Locally, we can report steady progress on the Nogales-Fairbank section of the Tombstone-Nogales state highway.

Another piece of information is the statement by County Engineer Sid Smyth that he will at the very earliest moment place the St. David stretch of highway in first class shape and that the road from Buena School to the troughs will receive his attention a little later on. These two short pieces of road probably need repairing more than any two similar stretches in the county, and the announcement by Mr. Smyth is well received by the people who travel over either road.

The state highway department has announced that bids would be called for May 20th covering five miles of paving on the state highway commencing at the west limits of Tombstone and running five miles eastward to Bisbee.

OFFICERS UNEARTH

SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

PHOENIX, May 6.—With the arrest of a man giving the name of John R. Clark at Tempe yesterday, county and federal officers are of the opinion they have unveiled a new scheme to manipulate fraudulent checks on a pretentious scale.